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RE: Remedial Investigation, Redline/Strikeout version, Operable Unit 4, Area C, Naval Training Center Orlando, Florida

Dear Mr. Hansel:

I have completed the review of the Redline/Strikeout version of the Remedial Investigation Report for Operable Unit 4, Naval Training Center Orlando, dated April 2000 (received April 5, 2000). I have the following comments that should be addressed in the Final Remedial Investigation Report:

- (1) Page 2-33, Second Paragraph. The discussion on water level elevations with respect to determining vertical gradients and flow direction is backwards. A higher water elevation in a well screened at a shallow depth than in a well screened at a deeper depth indicates a downward vertical gradient; i.e., groundwater velocity would have a component toward a deeper zone in the aquifer.
- (2) Section 5.2.4.2 Sediment Assessment. I could not match the concentrations detected in sediment discussed in the text with the concentrations shown in the chem-boxes in Figure 5-11.
- Page 7-2, Table 7-1. The column listing biodegradation potentials for tetrachloroethene (PCE) and its degradation products appears to be incorrect. The column has degradation of PCE more likely occurring in an aerobic environment than in an anaerobic environment. In actuality, reductive dechlorination of PCE and TCE in anaerobic environments are important processes and are likely occurring at the site. Likewise, the biodegradation potentials column has vinyl chloride being more easily degraded in an anaerobic environment than in an aerobic environment. This is contrary to my experience. Please revise this column and also check the text to make sure that the discussion on natural attenuation is accurate.

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- (4) Sections 8.2.2.3, 8.2.2.4 and 8.2.2.5. Each section has a sentence stating that "For each sampling event not all parameters were analyzed; therefore, samples were averaged together." This statement does not make sense to me. How can analytical parameter results be averaged if they weren't analyzed for during each sampling event?
- (5) Figures 5-2 and 5-4 refer to FDEP Soil Cleanup Goals (SCGs). These should be changed to Soil Cleanup Target Levels (SCTLs).

If I can be of any further assistance with this matter, please contact me at (850)488-3693.

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